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January 16, 2018

Peter Oppeneer  
Clerk of Court  
United States District Court for the  
Western District of Wisconsin  
120 N. Henry St., Rm. 320  
Madison, WI 53703

**Re: Lewis E. Byrd III v. Brandon Arenz**

Case No. 17-CV-191-JDP

Our File 27186

Dear Mr. Oppeneer,

I am the attorney representing the Defendant in the above-referenced matter. I am writing regarding the letter addressed to you that Mr. Byrd filed in this action on January 4, 2018. To the extent that the Court considers Mr. Byrd's letter to be a motion to stay proceedings pending Mr. Byrd's release from prison at an unspecified date and time, Defendants would object to such a stay. There is a fully briefed motion for summary judgment before the Court that is ripe for decision, and Defendant would ask the Court to rule on it. *Cf. Solomon v. Negrette*, No. 2:10-CV-2103, 2014 WL 4109582, at \*1-\*3 (E.D. Ca. Aug. 19, 2014) (recommending denial of pro se prisoner's motion to stay proceedings while fully briefed motion for summary judgment was pending), *recommendation adopted by* No. 2:10-cv-2103, 2014 WL 4748115 (E.D. Ca. Sept. 23, 2014), *aff'd sub nom Solomon v. Barajas*, 704 Fed. Appx. 695 (9th Cir. 2017).

Very truly yours,

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s/Jason R. Prochnow

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c: Lewis E Byrd, III